

Parking Amendments - Small Street

Date: August 27, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 10, Spadina - Fort York

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City Policy or by-laws.

The purpose of this report is to introduce a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the east side of Small Street in front of two loading docks servicing the business at 7 Small Street (Sidewalk Labs). The proposed stopping prohibition is being requested to prevent motorists from blocking the loading docks and impacting access for loading/unloading activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Small Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 15 metres south.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Small Street, between a point 27.5 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 6 metres further south.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one hour parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Small Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queens Quay East.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage change are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Small Street is a local roadway that operates two-way north-south traffic on a pavement width of 14 metres. The following parking regulations are in effect on Small Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queens Quay East:

East Side

- Pay-and-display parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, from Lake Shore Boulevard East to Queens Quay East.

West Side

- Pay-and-display parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, from Lake Shore Boulevard East to Queens Quay East.

Transportation Services, in consultation with Councillor Joe Cressy, was requested by the operators of Sidewalk Labs (7 Small Street) to amend the existing parking regulations on the east side of Small Street, fronting the two loading docks that service this business, to help improve access.

Loading and unloading occurs throughout the day by a variety of truck types and sizes. On occasion, truck drivers cannot access this facility if a vehicle is blocking access to loading docks. As a result, drivers must park on-street to load and unload, which impacts on-street parking and can obstruct traffic flow on this section of Small Street.

Prohibiting stopping at all times fronting the two loading docks on Small Street should help deter parking and ensure unobstructed loading activities to/from this business. There will be no loss of parking as a result of these parking amendments.

During the course of our investigation, it was noted that the maximum one hour parking is by-lawed, but is not signed on-street and conflicts with existing parking machine regulations in effect on both sides of Small Street, between Queens Quay and Lake Shore Boulevard East, so should be removed.

Councillor Joe Cressy has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3512, dated August 2019

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